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Agricultural Courses

The Hon. Duncan Marshall,
Minister of Agriculture announces
that the Department of Agriculture
has completed arrangements
for the holding of three Short
Course Schools in the province
during the months of February
and March. These schools will
be similar to the ones held last
winter, and will be held at Macleod,
Innisfail and Vermilion, and
will be of two weeks' duration
each. Besides these schools, a
school for one week will be held
at Strathmore in conjunction with
Prof. Elliott, who is in charge of
the C.P.R. Experimental Farms.
Prof. Elliott has assisted the department
at institute work, and
will during the coming winter give
the department assistance at this
work, and in return for this the
agricultural department is sending
its entire outfit of stock used at
the short course schools, as well
as the lecturers in charge of the
work, for one week to Strathmore.
Two carloads of pure bred stock
will be carried to these different
schools and instruction will be
given in breed types, feeding,
breeding, care and management
of live stock. The first week of
each of the schools will be the live
stock week, and the second week
the following subjects will be
taken up:—

(1) Grain Soil and Weeds.
"The growing, judging and grading
of grains." "Soil cultivation."
"Noxious weeds." "Grasses and
fodder crops." Samples of grains,
grasses and weeds will be used
for demonstration.

(2) Poultry. "The housing,
feeding, hatching and rearing."
Incubators and brooders will be
in operation. Birds will be fat-
tened, killed, dressed and packed
for market.

(3) Dairying. Instruction in
dairying will cover the subject
from the production of milk to the
marketing of the finished product,
with farm dairy machinery in
operation.

At each course there will be
judging competitions help, and
prizes offered for proficiency.

The schools will be held as
follows: Beginning at Strathmore,
February 6th to 11th, inclusive;
Macleod, February 13th to 18th;
Vermilion, February 20th
to March 4th; Innisfail, February
27th to March 11th. Prizes will
be awarded at each of the schools
in the judging competition, and
then a Grand Challenge Trophy
will be offered by the Provincial
Department of Agriculture at the
Innisfail school for competition to
teams from the four schools, those
teams to consist of four men
standing the highest in the local
competitions. The teams from
Strathmore, Macleod and Vermilion
will have their expenses paid to
Innisfail by the Boards of Trade
in the towns. These short course
schools are entirely free and open
to anyone who cares to attend.
The Boards of Trade and Agricultural
Societies in the different
towns in which they are held are
making arrangements so that the
board of students attending the
schools may be obtained at a reasonable
rate. The department has secured the services of some

excellent men in connection with
these schools. Among these is
Prof. W. L. Carlyle, Dean of Agriculture
in the Idaho State University,
Moscow, Idaho, who will take
the judging classes in heavy
horses and beef cattle. Arrangements
are not yet completed for all the
teachers at the schools, but the
services of some other excellent
men, as well as men in connection
with the Agricultural Department,
will be given to these several schools.
The Dominion Department of
Agriculture is also assisting by
giving the services of Messrs.
Hutton of the Experimental Farm,
Lacombe; Fairfield of the Experimental
Farm, Lethbridge, and W. C.
McKillop of the Seed Department,
Calgary. These schools will be
in charge of H. A. Craig,
Superintendent of Fairs and Institutes.

Pioneer Girls of the Canadian Prairie (Concluded from last week)

These lasses make all their own
clothes, from aprons to wedding
dress. They scorn taking lessons
but always contrive to be dressed
in the latest fashion, and show
excellent taste and skill in using
cotton and ends to advantage.
They can even turn their hands
to help to erect the new barn, and
think nothing of papering the
kitchen or staining the wood-work.
In fact, they get old heads on
young shoulders, and are fully
primed in all useful household
knowledge, common sense and
presence of mind.

With regard to the last named
quality, let me cite an example.
The girl may be quietly going
about her daily duties when a
high wind gets up, and a short
time afterwards she hears a dull,
roaring sound, and sees the air
thick with smoke. This means a
dread prairie fire, which threatens
to sweep the little homestead—
house, farm buildings, haystacks,
animals, and pasture—off the face
of the earth.

At such a prospect one would
think her heart would faint within
her. Nothing of the kind. The
men are summoned from the fields
and plough fire-guards. The
animals are turned loose to forage
for themselves. She arms herself
with a pail of water and a gunny
sack, and puts out the side flames
and little fires which start up on
their own account. Many a
prairie-girl has saved her home
from utter ruin in this way.

All is not hard work and danger,
and this wild life has its bright
and social side. During the summer
the girls get up baseball and lacrosse
teams, and every autumn there is the
local fair and every spring the picnics
to the hills. In winter the girls are
active on the ice skating and sleighing,
and are prominent figures in
literary and glee clubs. There are,
of course, endless parties and
entertainments during both winter
and summer, and altogether the
prairie is a very sociable place.

Some girls are not content to
stop on the farm, but strike out
for themselves. They sometimes
qualify themselves for school teachers
or for business, and are very
successful, as a rule.

The ultimate fate of the prairie
girl is marriage. Men are decidedly
in the majority on the prairie, and
all the girls are in great demand.
If they remain single it is from choice, not necessity.
She then proceeds to make a
home for her family, while her

husband turns over the green
virgin sod and sows wheat to feed
the millions.

Thus you see the girl is an important
person on the Canadian prairies,
and her life has many aspects.
Of course it is wild, rough and only
just within the limits of civilization,
but then she has many compensations,
and not least among them is the feeling
that she is doing a grand and useful
work, which will surely find its
reward in seeing the country develop
in every way as a result of the
combined efforts of the
"Pioneer Girls of the Canadian
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That the recent cold snap entailed
no loss, to speak of, in the stock
industry is the opinion of many of
the stockmen. The loss if any, on the
range in Southern Alberta would be
practically confined to old cows, whose
time had come anyway. Before the
last storm the wind had practically
cleared the flat land of most of the
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Local News

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L. Beaton has quite a showing of coyote skins in his store.

Georgie Kolling shipped a car load of cattle from here last week.

The trustees of Braeside school have decided to keep it closed until March 1st.

E. A. Kellar had a valuable horse break its leg last week, and it had to be shot.

H. Bowen is re-felting and touching up his pool tables and making them look like new again.

J. W. Bradley is offering the balance of his Horse Blankets at 25 per cent. discount till Feb. 1st.

The telephone line to New Brant is now completed, much to the satisfaction of those residing there.

The action brought against E. A. Kellar by a machine company who sold him a threshing outfit, was dismissed.

A grand entertainment is to be held in the Presbyterian Hall in the early part of next month. Particulars later.

Lost—A black fox gamulet in or around Cayley, on Tuesday, Jan. 3rd. Finder kindly leave it at, or write to, the Methodist parsonage, Cayley.

A number of young people enjoyed themselves at a party at Philip Beisiegel's one evening last week. Owing to the extremely cold weather only a few attended.

Owing to the very cold weather the past week or so work on the construction of the rural phones in this district has been suspended until some time in the early spring.

William Douglas sold a quarter section of land last week to Thos. Johnston. This land cost Mr. Douglas \$7 per acre two years ago and he sold it for \$14. This was a nice profit.

A year has rolled around since the Cayley merchants introduced the early closing, and they have been so well pleased that they are going to continue it, with the intention of being a little more strict than in the past.

The way people are coming to Canada during the winter months gives promise of a phenomenal immigration in the spring. There is room for them all provided they are able and willing to work, or have plenty of money to hire others to work for them.

On Tuesday and Wednesday of next week the clergy and laity of the Rural Deanery of High River will hold meetings in St. Benedict's church, High River. A very excellent programme of speakers has been arranged, and at Choral Evensong on Tuesday night at 8.30 p.m., the special preacher will be the Rev. R. D. Stamer, rector of Claresholm.

The intense cold weather which has gripped this country the past week broke last Saturday, with a burst of sunshine, and a clear, quiet day, during which time the mercury ventured several degrees above the zero point. Thermometers about town registered all the way from 20 to 45 degrees below during the coldest days. Frosted noses, ears and fingers testified to the severeness of the weather at the time. The welcome chinook is now with us.

Grain Growers Guide—Wanted:
A Man! During the next four months several matters of vital importance to western farmers will be before the Dominion Parliament. The farmers have stated their case to parliament and every member knows what the farmers want. It is now up to the farmers to see that their representatives protect them in parliament. The west looks today through the ranks of its Ottawa members for a leader. Is there one of our members big enough to stand up for his people? If he does he will have a power behind him. Opportunity never knocked more persistently at the door of any man than it does today at the door of our western members. Surely some will answer. Let us give them time to announce themselves.

Municipal Elections.
Through a slight technical flaw in the time of the nominations for councillors on the 2nd inst., the said nominations became null and void. In consequence another meeting for the purpose was held on the 11th inst., when the following were nominated: E. S. Elves, L. Beaton, Dr. A. O. Brown, J. Cohen, J. W. Bradley, F. Scragg, A. Nablo and E. Brewster, eight candidates for three seats. The election takes place on Wednesday, the 18th inst. Some surprises are anticipated, and much speculation exists as to who will be the lucky (or unlucky) ones who will get "there."

PERSONAL

Mrs. Latham, who was ill, is now fully recovered.

E. A. Kellar and Lonzo Stevens left on a trip to the coast.

Will Walker of Vulcan is spending a few days in the village.

J. E. Chronister, from the coal mine, was in Cayley Saturday.

Cecil Smith and Wesley Myers of Reid Hill have been in the village for a few days.

Mr. Chas. Phillips returned from Spokane last week. Charlie says there is no place like Cayley.

E. D. Shackleton left last week for Cranbrook, B. C., after spending a few days with G. D. Sloan.

Harry Swartz, a former resident of Cayley, but now living east of Brant, was a caller in the village last week.

Miss Ivy Crawford, who has been spending a few days in Calgary with her sister, Mrs. Sinclair, has returned home.

Louis Morton, teller in the Bank of Hamilton, has left Cayley to take the same position in Carmangay. Lou will be missed by the boys and another.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Dill, of the firm of Atkinson & Dill, contractors, Vancouver, are spending a few days with the latter's sister, Mrs. F. Bushfield. Mr. and Mrs. Dill are on their return trip from Toronto, where they have been visiting Mrs. Dill's mother, Mrs. S. Richardson.

A correspondent returning from a trip through the central states says he met many people who were anxious to hear about the advantages which Alberta offered to people who want to help themselves. He told them of the good land which will produce big crops, cheap and easy terms, up-to-date railways, telephones, educational system, and explained the Canadian laws, and the satisfactory manner in which they are administered. In that part of the country land was held at very high figures, being from \$300 to \$500 an acre, and these prices are poor land, close to a good market.

Annual School Board Meeting

The annual meeting of the Cayley school board was held on Wednesday, 11th inst. The report read by the secretary showed the school to be in a flourishing condition. Wm. Caspell, the retiring member, was re-elected by acclamation. Some time was taken up by those present in talking over matters relative to the interests of the school. One ratpayer considered the map of the Province of Alberta somewhat obsolete and misleading. The map in question was in the neighborhood of three years old, and the changes that have taken place in this province have been so multitudinous as to make the present map very incomplete and out-of-date. This might really apply to all our schools at the present time. A new map is really necessary every year, in order to keep up with any map which the changes and ever increasing data.

Cayley for Pure Bred Cattle

Cayley is not only one of the largest and most important cattle shipping points in Alberta, known the whole province, but she also has the distinction of having some of the best and purest bred Holstein cattle in the country. This has again been demonstrated the past week. Mr. Bateman, a noted breeder and importer of pure bred Holstein cattle of the Big Bend Stock Farm, Innisfail, has been in Cayley the past few days, with a view to purchasing some of these pure bred animals. He succeeded in getting eight very choice ones—yelling bull and seven heifers—for which he paid \$160.00, six of them he purchased from Mr. H. E. George, price \$95.00.

Three of the heifers are sired by Loan Oak Bull De Kol, imported. This Paul's dam was a champion cow at Michigan State Fair and gave over 80 lbs. of milk per day. Their dams are grand-daughters of Hengerveld De Kol the world's champion sire of the breed, having 114 tested daughters. This is more than any other bull of the breed, living or dead. Among his daughters are Pontiac Artis, 38 lbs. of butter in seven days; Pontiac Aylislo, 28½ lbs. of butter in seven days; and Pontic Lila Hengerveld, 30 lbs. in seven days. Hengerveld De Kol is also the sire of the dam Pontiac Rag Apple. This cow made 619 lbs. of milk and 31 lbs. of butter in seven days at four years old, and sold for \$300.00, highest price cow of the breed.

The other four heifers are grand daughters of Hengerveld De Kol with the above breeding, and all out of imported cows, their dams giving as high as 76 lbs. of milk in one day.

Mr. Bateman, in conversation with a representative of the Hustler, expressed himself as highly pleased with his purchases, and considered that he had saved at least \$500.00 by coming to Cayley instead of going east to purchase his cattle.

The animals were shipped to Innisfail on Monday.

The 44 ranch, west of Claresholm, one of the oldest and largest ranches in Southern Alberta, has been purchased by a company from Kentucky.

The interior department has issued a statement showing that from January 1 to November 20, 1910, homesteads to the number of 46,305 were granted in Manitoba, Alberta, Saskatchewan and British Columbia, as compared with 34,091 for the same period 1909, an increase of 11,314. There were 2,973 entries in Manitoba, 25,850 in Saskatchewan, 17,263 in Alberta, and 210 in B. C.

The Child and Social Reform

The main point now is, that the home is the first important element in the environment of the child, and therefore the creation of good homes demands the thought and endeavor of all who would work effectively to stop the waste of life and to moralize human society. It is said sometimes that the mother makes the home and that the primary need is of good mothers. This is true, but it is not the whole truth. American homes are suffering today because of a lack of good fathers. Many fathers have abdicated their privilege and abandoned their duty as fathers. They leave the entire responsibility for the care of the home and the training of children to the mothers. However willing the mothers may be to assume the responsibility, they cannot supply the lack of the masculine element in the administration of the home. Children need the father as certainly, if not as continuously, as they need the mother. "Mother," said a child in a suburban home of New York, "who is that man that comes here to stay over Sundays? I don't like him, and I wish he would stay away." The man was the child's father and the supposed head of that family. If there is truth in Professor Munsterberg's criticism of American schools because of a deficiency of the masculine element in the teaching force, there is more poignant truth in the criticism of some foreign observers, notably English, that there is a deficiency of the paternal influence in American homes—North American Review.

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